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BOARD MOTION OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015, AGENDA ITEM 13 ELIZABETH STREET BETWEEN OXFORD AVENUE AND ALLEN AVENUE SPEED CUSHIONS – UNINCORPORATED ALTADENA AREA

A Board motion is anticipated to be submitted on September 22, 2015, instructing the Director of Public Works to install speed cushions on Elizabeth Street between Oxford Avenue and Allen Avenue in the unincorporated Altadena area.

Residents on Elizabeth Street expressed concerns regarding motorists driving above the posted 25 mph speed limit and requested the installation of speed cushions along Elizabeth Street to reduce speeds along this residential street. We conducted a traffic engineering study to determine if the installation of speed cushions at this location would comply with the Speed Hump Guidelines, which also apply to speed cushions. These guidelines include thresholds for traffic volumes, prevailing speeds, the steepness of the roadway, and whether the roadway is a major emergency response route. While the speed counts revealed the prevailing speeds on Elizabeth Street were below the minimum threshold to qualify, Public Works was asked to grant the community's request and install the speed cushions.

Public Works will complete the installation of the speed cushions and the accompanying signs and markings within 6 weeks upon the Board's approval. The total cost is estimated to be \$18,000, which can be made available from the Highway Safety Projects appropriation of the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Road Fund Budget.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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